

## Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association

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A department devoted to the interests of the Volunteer Firemen of the state of Nebraska.

Edited by Lloyd C. Thomas, state publicity chairman.

### The Banquet at North Platte.

The North Platte volunteer fire department held a banquet on Monday evening, May 15th. It was the privilege of the writer to attend this meeting and meet with the North Platte firemen. The banquet was held in the Hotel McCabe, a fine, modern building, and was served in elegant style. The menu consisted of fruit, cocktail, salted almonds, wafers, radishes, queen ripe olives, fried silver perch menurice, potatoes parmesin, roast young chicken au la Maryland, new potatoes, cream dressing, peas au Buree Noire, stuffed tomatoes, salad mayonnaise, cheese wafers, Napolitaine, ice cream, mints, coffee, cigars.

P. F. Barron filled the place of toastmaster in a capable manner. Several selections were rendered by the firemen's quartette, consisting of Shinn, Tighe, VanDoran and Peterson.

The officers and members of the North Platte department, all of whom were present, are: J. R. Baskins, president; Fred Peterson, vice president; Cy Russell, chief; Amel Traub, assistant chief; G. R. Tighe, secretary; L. H. Johnson, treasurer; Fred Anderson, Roy Buskirk, J. L. Brusk, Larkin Cecil, Adam Christ, Clarence Dean, Fred Dick, Ray Elliott, William Elliott, John Eves, A. Gray, C. A. Macomber, L. Newman, Frank Parks, Everett Ramsey, W. A. Robinson, C. J. Schmidt, H. A. Shinn, C. Spicer, Carl Scott, A. H. Traub, M. VanDorn, Jas. Walker, John Walker, Joseph Waymen and William Wright.

One of the unique features of the evening was a poem, read by P. H. Sullivan at the banquet and composed by his daughter, Miss Edna M. Sullivan. The poem was as follows:

Friends, it seems to me this evening,  
Life is filled with many joys,  
And among the greatest of them, is  
Dining with the Fire Boys.

I have always known each member  
To most nobly play his part.  
Sacrificing all for others,  
Counting self a thing apart.

Braving storms and dangers daily,  
Promptly answering every call,  
Look back over their splendid record,  
Their heroic work recall.

And the leader of these heroes,  
Is the big good natured Sy,  
Heap Big Fine Man at the anvil,  
As he makes the bright sparks fly.

Joseph Baskins, as your President,  
Walter Champion of the State,  
Has a record of good service,  
And when called is never late.

Peterson, the Big Vice-President  
Works for Uncle Sam each day,  
Frequently he misses meetings,  
Blames the girls, is what they say.

Rastus Tighe, the Secretary,  
Gold and Silver finger tips,  
With a vim and with a vengeance,  
Into fires and bank stock dips.

For the Treasurer they have chosen  
Louis Johnson, genial clerk,  
Who they know will do his utmost  
And his duties never shirk.

Aemil Traub, a first class teamster,  
Is Assistant Chief, they say,  
Gives the boys the same good service,  
That he uses on his dray.

William Landgraf, can you beat him?  
An all-round good handy lad,  
With the hose or with the ladder,  
Gives the best that's to be had.

Of the draymen, we have many,  
Eves and Cecil, Spicer, Scott,  
Then the Walkers, John and Jimmie,  
Get a square deal from the lot.

Johnnie Jones, the ever faithful,  
Night police and comrade brave,  
Climbs into the burning building  
Life and property to save.

Carl J. Schmidt and Thomas Jeffers,  
Always work with all their might,  
And good running mates for them are  
Adam Christ and William Wright.

Co- es the quartette of Truck-Drivers  
Break the record down the street,  
Chester, Marston, Fred and Lester,  
While they bring us things to eat.

How'd you like to be the Ice-Man?  
Everybody answers "Lowe,"  
He will put you in cold storage,  
If to fires you don't go.

Harry Shinn, the King of water,  
Conquers tub, or soap, or hose,  
Juggles nozzles, handles couplings,  
And looks after our best clothes.

Edwin Weeks, the Music Master,  
For Maloney "Drums" up trade,  
When it comes to ladder climbing,  
Leaves the others in the shade.

Ray and Will, the Elliott brothers,  
One inspects the fruit each day,  
At the force you'll find the other,  
Get the "Hook" for Arthur Gray.

J. L. Bruck, the saw-dust wonder,  
With the huge imported grin,  
Boasts that in a water battle  
With Roy Buskirk he'd surely win.

Austin Traub, combined with C. Dean,  
And the two enforced with Parks,

Don their rubber coats and helmets,  
Dash into the the thickest sparks.

Without fear and without favor,  
"Sullivan," the strict, stern Judge,  
Fines the boys in Kangaroo Court,  
Makes a guy afraid to budge.

Last, but not least, comes Joe Wayman,  
Law and order with him are,  
So put on your good behavior  
Cause, he's the boy that wears the star.

In conclusion, I propose now,  
A rousing toast to V. F. A.  
May their good deeds be rewarded;  
Boys, success, Hip, Hip, Hurray.

The following article, taken from the North Platte Telegraph of Tuesday, May 16th, tells of the banquet and program:

A city hall for North Platte with quarters in connection for the volunteer fire company, should be demanded and acquired by the smoke-eaters of the city. This seemed the consensus of opinion of the speakers at the second firemen's banquet of the year held at the Hotel McCabe last evening.

Following the seven course dinner P. F. Barron, who acted as toast master, called for responses from various persons around the board. City Attorney James Keefe spoke briefly on "Preparedness," ending his talk with a handsome compliment to the firemen.

"I think the firemen of the city are to be congratulated on their good judgement in finally managing to allow the ancient structure that served as station and hotel for North Platte, to burn down," stated Lloyd Thomas, editor of the Alliance Herald, who was the next speaker to take the floor. "It required about fourteen attempts, but they finally got rid of it."

"There is one thing that I have never been able to understand, and that is why North Platte has no home for the firemen. The smoke-eaters succeed every year in saving many thousands of dollars of property and through their efforts residents of the city are able to obtain a much lower rate of fire insurance. It is only fair that the men who are responsible should reap some of the benefits. You men can exercise the influence if you will only work together and there is no reason why you should not combine and get almost in reason that you want."

Mr. Thomas touched on the work of the state organization of volunteer fire companies, declaring that the association is second to none in the United States. He stated that there are about 8,000 members in the state, divided into 129 departments. In addition there are about thirty volunteer departments who are not connected with the organization.

The speaker closed with a tribute to Secretary Fisher of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce, who has just completed two years as secretary to the Alliance Chamber of Commerce. He told of the wonderful work done for Alliance by the secretary and declared that with proper co-operation Secretary Fisher could do still more for North Platte.

"The volunteer firemen's association of the state is doing a great work," declared Fire Commissioner Ridgell. "In the standardizing of equipment alone the organization has done a great work, in that it has enabled companies of neighboring towns to combine in fighting conflagrations that have reached too great proportions to be handled by a single company."

"It is the work of the companies that has reduced fire insurance rates in Nebraska and it is only fair that they should have something in return. They serve without pay and what could be more fitting than that the tax payers of the cities benefitted by their work should pay a little something into the city hall with rooms for the firemen and who should North Platte be so far behind this other western Nebraska city?"

P. H. Sullivan read a poem dedicated to the firemen and I. L. Bare, Rev. Robert White, Rev. B. A. Cram, Rev. H. G. Knowles, Rev. C. B. Harman and Father Patrick McDaid made brief talks pledging their support should the firemen open a campaign for a city hall and fire headquarters.

During the evening the firemen's quartet, Messrs. Shinn, Tighe, VanDoran and Peterson gave a number of selections.

We wish the North Platte boys success in their campaign for a city hall and department club rooms. They deserve what they are after. We also wish to thank the boys for the "send-off" given us at the train.

### Ridgell Attended Chicago Meeting.

W. S. Ridgell, state fire commissioner, attended the twentieth annual meeting of the National Fire Protection Association in Chicago on May 9th, 10th and 11th. The objects of this association are to "promote the science and improve the methods of fire protection and prevention; to obtain and circulate information on these subjects and to secure the cooperation of its members in establishing proper safeguards against loss of life and property by fire."

Questions discussed at the meeting were "Automatic Sprinklers," "Standardization of Pipe and Pipe Fittings," "Automobile Fire Apparatus," "Protection of Openings in Walls and Partitions," "Safeguarding School Children from Fire—Planning School Buildings for Safety—Exit Drills and Fire Escapes—The Care of School Buildings," "Signaling Systems," "Stand-pipe Systems," "Standard Hose Couplings and Hydrant Fittings for Public Fire Service," "Fire Pumps," "Private Fire Supplies from Public Mains," "Hydrants and Valves," "Fire Resistive Construction," "Uses of Wood in Building Construction," "Manufacturing Risks and Special Hazards," "Explosives and Combustibles," "Laws and Ordinances."

Mr. Ridgell reports that he enjoyed the meeting and secured much valuable information from the discussions and speeches.

### Will Join State Association.

The town of Minatare in the North Platte valley has a live little department of nineteen members which is planning to join the state association. R. O. Chambers, the Minatare newspaper man, is one of the live members of the department and takes an active interest in its affairs.

### Death of Fireman John G. Juelson

John G. Juelson of Newman Grove fire department, a member of the Mutual Aid Department of the state association, who joined in February of this year, has been accidentally killed. The following notice has been sent out to members by E. A. Miller of Kearney, state secretary:

### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MUTUAL AID DEPARTMENT

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

Notice of the death of Bro. John G. Juelson of Newman Grove, has been received at this office. Death proofs have also been received and are satisfactory. The beneficiary, Mrs. Regana Juelson, has been paid \$181.00, that being the number of members in good standing at the time of death.

Brother Juelson held Certificate number 176, joining in February of this year. He met his death by the accidental discharge of an automatic revolver, living only about fifteen minutes.

The ten days in which you have to remit the \$1.00 will expire May 30th. Do not let it go by this date or your own insurance will be void. This so sudden death of a young man surely reminds us of how uncertain life is.

I trust that every member will remit promptly on receipt of this notice, as this must be paid in before we can settle another claim.

There will be no second notice sent.

Yours fraternally,

E. A. Miller, Secretary.

### A Plea Direct.

"I don't care to submit any evidence on behalf of this lady, my client," stated the eminent attorney. "I simply ask the jury for a verdict of acquittal."

"On what grounds?" demanded the astonished prosecutor. "On the grounds of youth and good looks."

And he got his verdict—Courier-Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Beckwith and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Trefney left Monday noon for a camping trip near Whitman. They expect to return Saturday heavily laden with fish, captured in the streams at that point.

Fred Mollring went east Monday on a short business trip.

Pete Watson, of Mitchell, the old time wolf hunter, arrived in town Monday for a short stay.

E. T. Kibbie, the real estate man, went to Lincoln Friday morning on a business trip to take several days.

There will be no services at the Episcopal church on Sunday, May 28, as Dean Shaw is spending the week at Mullen. He left Monday noon.

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## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS

Examinations Announced by Civil Service Commission to Take Place in June

The following examinations for civil service positions have been announced by the Civil Service Commission to take place on the dates named. Most of these examinations may be taken right here in Alliance. Full particulars may be secured by addressing the commission or by calling at the Alliance post office.

The commission announces that sufficient eligibles to meet the needs of the service have been obtained from open competitive non-assembled examination for ship draftsman in the navy department and that no applications for this examination will be received after June 1.

June 6: Assistant epidemiologist, male, salary \$2000 to \$2500, to fill positions in the Public Health service.

June 7: Assistant shop superintendent, male, for position in Hull division, navy yard, Philadelphia, and other vacancies as they may occur; salary \$5.04 per day.

July 7: Medical interne, government hospital for insane, Washington, D. C., salary \$900 per year with maintenance.

June 7: Cheese maker, male, salary \$1200 to \$1440, to fill vacancies in the Bureau of Animal Industry.

June 7: Specialist in insects as carriers of plant diseases, male, salary \$1600, for position in Bureau of Entomology, department of Agriculture.

June 7-8: Preparator in Entomology, men and women, salary \$1000, for position in Bureau of Entomology.

June 13: Mineral technologist, male, for position in the Bureau of Mines, Department of Interior, for duty in Washington, D. C., salary from \$2400 to \$3600.

### Will Run on Populist Ticket

Lincoln, May 15—Lieutenant Governor James Pearson, although a consistent dry man most if not all of his life and turned down by the Bryan men, will run for the office, having received the nomination for lieutenant governor on the populist ticket. His acceptance of the populist nomination was received by the secretary of state today.

### "Chamberlain's Tablets Have Done Wonders for Me"

"I have been a sufferer from stomach trouble for a number of years, and although I have used a great number of remedies recommended for this complaint, Chamberlain's Tablets is the first medicine that has given me positive and lasting relief," writes Mrs. Anna Kadin, Spencerport, N. Y. "Chamberlain's Tablets have done wonders for me and I value them very highly." Obtainable everywhere.

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### Opening New Homesteads

Upon the recommendation of Secretaries Lurie and Houston, the president has signed a proclamation excluding about 588,520 acres from the Dixie National Forest in Arizona. About three-fourths of this area is restored to the public domain, and will be subject to settlement only under the homestead laws from 9 o'clock a. m., July 12, until and including August 8, 1916, and thereafter to disposition under any public land law applicable thereto.

The excluded lands lie in the north western part of Arizona in Mohave county, and are reported to be chiefly valuable for grazing. For detailed information communications should be addressed to the register and receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Phoenix, Ariz.

### Whooping Cough

One of the most successful preparations in use for this disease is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. S. W. McClinton, Blandon Springs, Ala., writes, "Our baby had whooping cough as bad as most any baby could have it. I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it soon got him well." Obtainable everywhere.

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### Buys Scottsbluff Hotel

A deal was consummated Saturday whereby James Osborne, who recently came here from Alliance, purchased the Modern Hotel of this city and will take possession at once. Mr. Osborne has been at Alliance when he has been living for the past few years. He came over here some three weeks since, but Mrs. Osborne and the children have been staying there until he made some arrangements here for them. The purchase of the hotel property Saturday completes the arrangements and the family will arrive within the next few days and make their future home.—Scottsbluff Republican.

## HEAR WITHOUT EARS

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### Wins Progressive Nomination

Gordon, Neb., May 15—Arthur E. Clark, who was a candidate for the nomination of representative from the Seventy-third district on the democratic ticket at the primaries April 18, yesterday received a certificate of nomination on the progressive ticket for that office.

When asked if he would accept the nomination Mr. Clark declined to give a decisive answer, intimating that he probably would not.

His nomination came about from the fact that there was no candidate on the progressive ticket and voters wrote his name on the ballot.

Mr. Clark is editor of the Sheridan County Semi-Weekly Democrat, published in Gordon, and was defeated for the nomination on the democratic ticket by Lloyd C. Thomas of Alliance at the recent primaries.—Omaha World-Herald.

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### A Symbol of Health

The Pythagorians of Ancient Greece ate simple food, practiced temperance and purity. As a badge they used the five pointed star which they regarded as a symbol of health. A red five pointed star appears on each package of Chamberlain's Tablets, and still fulfills its ancient mission as a symbol of health. If you are troubled with indigestion, biliousness or constipation, get a package of these tablets from your druggist. You will be surprised at the quick relief which they afford. Obtainable everywhere.

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But NOW'S THE TIME TO BUILD.  
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